



## Working Harbor Committee

For the heritage and future of the harbor of New York and New Jersey

# ON THE HIP\*

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Left: Dan Wiley Right: Brooklyn Bridge (c) Bernie Ente

## Special Guest Speaker for 26 July - Brooklyn Tour

### Dan Wiley

**Community Coordinator to Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez**

*Dan Wiley is a Community Coordinator for a Congressperson in southwest Brooklyn, NY, and is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Columbia University in the urban design studio. Working in the Congressional office since 2000, he has coordinated planning projects and initiatives spanning waterfront communities from the Brooklyn Navy Yard and downtown Brooklyn southwest to Red Hook, Gowanus and Sunset Park, Brooklyn. He also served (1993-1999) as an Education Coordinator at Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment. He holds an MA degree in Urban Geography from Hunter College, CUNY (2007), a BFA degree from Cooper Union (1987) and was a fellow at the Whitney Museum Independent Study Program (1988). He serves on the board of Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP). His work can be found in *If You Lived Here: The City in Art, Theory, and Social Activism**

Seattle: Bay Press, 1991.

Reserve your ticket today!!

## Tuesday, 26 July - The Brooklyn Tour

Departs from Pier 16 at 6:15pm  
(at the end of Fulton Street, South Street Seaport)

*Featuring Brooklyn's Maritime Heritage & Future - Brooklyn Navy Yard to Sunset Park*

*This tour goes north (actually east) on the East River to the former Brooklyn Navy Yard, passing under the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges. The Navy Yard has three large graving docks and an active shipyard, as well as the home port of FDNY's fireboat division. We then travel south along the Brooklyn waterfront, passing the new Brooklyn Bridge Park and the Red Hook Container Terminal, Atlantic Basin, and Erie Basin, home of Hughes Brothers Barges and Reinauer Tugs. We continue into Gowanus Bay and along the Sunset Park waterfront, home of the former large Bush Terminals. We then cross over to the Statue of Liberty at sunset for a moment before returning to Pier 16.*

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

[Click Here for Information on all Summer Hidden Harbor Tours\(r\)](#)

## Special National Lighthouse Day Tour - Tickets Now



Romer Shoal Lighthouse  
Photograph courtesy U.S. Coast Guard

- **Geo Bulow** - Historian

## Special National Lighthouse Day Tour!

**Sunday, 7 Aug. – National Lighthouse Day**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on board a *NY Water Taxi*

Departs from The Battery Slip 6 (New York Water Taxi stop in front of Castle Clinton)

**Special guest speakers include:**

- **Linda C. Dianto** - President of National Lighthouse Museum
- **Capt John Doswell** - Exec. Director of Working Harbor Committee & Maritime Consultant
- **James Dunlap** – Lens preservationist
- **Capt Joe Ahlstrom** – Prof. SUNY Maritime & 2nd V.P. of National Lighthouse Museum
- **Jack Vokral** – 1st V.P. of National Lighthouse Museum – lives in the New Dorp Light
- **Ken Schubert** – lived in the Coney Island Light

On this tour you will see the following lighthouses. (*Click on lighthouse name to see link*)

[Statue of Liberty Light](#) ... [Robbins Reef Light](#) ... [Fort Wadsworth Light](#) ... [Coney Island Light](#)  
[Flm Tree Light \(Miller Field\)](#)   [New Dorp Light](#)   [West Bank Light](#)   [Romer Shoal Light](#)

[Sandy Hook Light ... Navesink \(Twin Lights\) ... Great Beds Light ... Princes Bay Light  
Old Orchard Shoal Light ... Staten Island Light](#)

**[For Tickets Click Here!!](#)**

**You may bring bring your own food but please no beverages. There will be beverage service on board.**

**Co-sponsored with the National Lighthouse Musuem**

*Proceeds benefit National Lighthouse Museum & Working Harbor Committee*

**This tour is part of National Lighthouse Week**

**[Click Here for details at the Museum site](#)**

**openhousenewyork special Hidden Harbor Tour**

On 16 August at 6:15 pm there will be a special openhousenewyork Hidden Harbor Tour. This tour will explore hidden features along the Brooklyn and Staten Island waterfronts including the Brooklyn Navy Yard basin, Atlantic & Erie Basins, the Kill Van Kull waterway and the Howland Hook terminal in SI as well as other locations. It will be narrated by Capt John Doswell with one or more guests. This is a joint fundraiser for both openhousenewyork and the Working Harbor Committee. We will use the large luxurious vessel Zephyr and will leave from Pier 16 at the South Street Seaport.



**For tickets [click here](#)**

[Visit openhousenewyork](#)

**Upcoming Events: August Hidden Harbor Tours**

**9 August - Newark Bay  
Giant container ports, Port  
Newark & Elizabeth**

**23 August - North River  
With Bill Miller, Mr. Ocean  
Liner**

**For more information, visit  
[www.Workingharbor.Org](http://www.Workingharbor.Org)**



Statue of Liberty with Staten Island Ferry (c) Bernie Ente

**19th Annual Tug Race - 4 September**



Tugboat Race 2007 (c) Don Sutherland

The 2011 Great North River Tugboat Race & Competition will be on 4 September.

(It's always on the Sunday before labor Day)

Pier 84 at the foot of West 44th Street  
As always a spectator boat will be offered

Circle Line 42  
Tug Race Spectator Boat  
4 September 2011 -  
9:30 am to 11:30am  
Only \$30

Best viewing will be on the Circle Line 42 boat as we follow the tug boats up the Hudson River to the starting line and then back down to the finish line at Pier 84!

### Harbor FAQ: *What is the difference between a boat and a ship?*

There is no precise distinction between a boat and a ship. It's more a matter of custom and usage. Size also matters, but size alone can be confusing. Back in the middle of the last millennium, ships were generally quite small, often under 100 feet, and would today be smaller than many boats.



Left: Passenger Ship and Sail Boat. Top Right: Row Row Ship and Tug. Bottom Right: Kayaks on the Hudson. All Photos (c) Bernie Ente

One definition asserts that "a ship can carry a boat but a boat cannot carry a ship". But even that doesn't work: today's large freighters could easily carry several dozen Santa Marias or Mayflowers on their decks. Following are a few other rules of thumb, which will serve to confuse the issue even more:

In the US Navy, all submarines are called boats, regardless of size, except for Trident and Polaris class submarines, which are called ships. Lightships are ships but fireboats are boats. Have you ever heard of a fireship? Tugboats are also boats. Police boats and work boats are all boats. In fact, most boats are boats.

Sailboats (except tall ships) are boats. Most tall ships are ships, except for smaller ones.

of course. Therefore, tall ships are simply large sail boats, except when they are not larger. Kayaks, gigs, canoes and skiffs are all boats, certainly not ships.

Barges are neither boats nor ships: they are barges. Except, of course, for a captain's barge or an admiral's barge, which are both small motorboats.

The word "ship" also refers to a type of tall ship which carries three or more masts, all fitted with square sails. Other types of tall ships include bark, barkentine, brig, brigantine, and schooner, to name a few.

The rule of thumb is, basically, if she looks like a ship, she is a ship.

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Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on a Hidden Harbor Tour® soon!

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